

any of the growth of that Province without payment of what the laws of th^t Province require, it is the duty of the Officers of th^t Government to prevent it, which may be done without involving & bringing the growth of England under the same Custome with the growth of the Province. Lib. H. D.

To the fourth branch we cannot understand how we pre-
judice the Trade of Maryland by bringing English Goods to Pensilvania, in Shipps bound to Maryland, for Tobaccoes; if they are aggrieved by our importing our own growth amongst them, they may forbid it as they have done our Beer, thō they often want it to furnish the home bound ffleets, having litle or none of their own make; but that can be no argument why we must not bring English goods through Maryland to another of the Kings Provinces; Nor does Govern^r Nicholson treat New Yorke at the same rate, thō as much under the lash of that Law as we are; which is a partiality added to illegality. To the 5th branch of the answer we reply, that Lord Baltimores Pattent gives no power to lay impositions upon English goods not bound for that Province, but through it to another Province under the Crowne of England. p. 183

To the last Branch we need only say, that Govern^r Nicholsons Commission cannot invalidate prior Grants, as is observed by Coll^{oni} Nicholson in his 5th Branch, nor authorize him to make Laws ag^t the Trade & good of England, nor the common Priviledges of another Province; So that the power of Law making urged by that Paragraph, in excuse of this Law, cannot excuse an abuse of such a Commission and Authority; for which reason we pray we may be releived as from an intolerable Grievance

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By this Publick Instrument of protest be it known & manifest unto all those who shall see these presents or hear the same read that on the 26th day of August 1697. In th ninth year of our Sovereign Lord King Will^m the 3^d By the Grace of God King of England &^{ca} Defender of the ffaith &^{ca} At the instance and request of John Henry Merchant of Snow hill in Somerset County in the Province of Maryland. I George Layfield Notary & Tabellion publick dwelling in Pocomoke in Somerset County in his Majes^{tyes} Province of Maryland admitted & Sworne thereto have protested and by these presents do Solemnly protest against Ioseph Lax Comānd^r of the Sloop Margaret and Sarah of Potomock in Virginia English built Sloop about twenty Tunns no Gunns Riding in Annamessex in the County above did clear for

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Roach Carpent^r
tht on request
of Mr John
Henry Mrcht
& others wth
one Chp Jones